

King County Solid Waste Division presents:

# Hop on the Habitat express Assembly

A Free Education Program for King County Elementary Schools

"Not only was the presentation entertaining, but we all came away with a heightened awareness of how important it is to take care of our earth and its resources. The students were talking about 'reduce, reuse, recycle, and rethink' for days after!"

Sunny Hills Elementary



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## "Hop on the Habitat Express" assembly

This live assembly show for grades K-6 (in both primary and intermediate versions) is a fast-paced adventure from start to finish. The presenters will take the students through a captivating and entertaining series of situations that teach them how the choices we make have an effect on habitat and natural resources. Your students will have fun while they learn how reducing waste at school and at home contribute to a better, cleaner planet.

The assembly is available from September to October, 2003 and January through February, 2004.

"I loved the creative presentation, the enthusiasm of both individuals and the jammed packed information. It was one of our best assemblies for relevance to everyday life."

Enatai, Grade 1

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## Classroom workshops for grades 1-6

Follow-up workshops reinforce the assembly messages, engage your students, and ignite their ideas about the environment. Workshops are offered consecutively on a day following the assembly. You can mix and match up to three workshops from the following two categories:

- Classroom workshops that build on assembly lessons.
- Green Team workshops for classes ready to take on an action project that will help reduce waste and protect habitat.

All workshops are tied to essential learnings with an emphasis on science and communication. See detailed workshop descriptions inside.



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## Information and assistance for Green Teams

A Green Team is a group of students that takes on environmental projects to make a difference in class, school and at home. In addition to the Green Team workshops listed on the back, we provide FREE materials and on-going assistance.

Please contact Triangle Associates, Inc. at 206-583-0655 or [workshops@triangleassociates.com](mailto:workshops@triangleassociates.com) with any questions.

## Select up to 3 workshops — you can mix and match!

Assembly workshops are 40 minutes; Green Team, project-oriented workshops take one hour.

Workshops build on essential learnings. For a list of the related EALRs, visit <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/swd/schoolpr/elem/elem.htm> or contact (206) 583-0655.

### primary: grades 1-3

**Litter in its Place:** Explore what litter is and how it affects our environment. Using role play and interaction, students learn how natural systems handle “natural litter” and why human litter creates a problem. Students learn to put litter in its place.

**Introduction to Recycling:** Understand the concept of waste reduction, reuse, and recycling at home and in school. Students sort recyclables and learn how contamination and improper sorting can be a problem. The workshop wraps up with a fast-paced quiz game. By the end of the workshop, students have a clear understanding of what can be recycled and what can't.

**Healthy Habitat:** Explore the basic components of habitat—food, water, shelter, and space—through a variety of discussion and examples. Students play a game that introduces them to some native Northwest animals, the types of habitat they need, and simple ways to protect them. Students then make the connection between their actions and healthy habitat.

### intermediate: grades 3-6

**Recycling and Beyond:** In addition to sorting recyclables, students examine natural resources as the “source of our stuff” and discuss topics such as “closing the loop” and smart shopping choices. A game show, Jeopardy style, allows students to discover more ways to recycle and reduce waste.

**Recycling Leadership:** Classes learn proper sorting of recyclables, discuss recycling problems within the school, and brainstorm ways to address them. Through research, skits, intercom announcements or posters, students find ways to address and solve school recycling problems. Some classes may audit their school and learn about current recycling contaminants. Follow-up discussion focuses on next steps to improvements. (Green Team Workshop—1 hour)

**Litter in Its Place:** Expanding on the primary workshop, this version builds on the concept of “earth as a mentor” by showing how humans can mimic nature by reducing, reusing, and recycling. Students learn to put litter in its correct place.

**Smart Shopping:** Students learn about wasteful packaging and how their consumer habits affect the environment. Students become waste detectives, examining and comparing different types of packaging and their impacts. They will learn to recognize packaging that is wasteful and packaging that is reusable, recyclable, and made from recycled materials.

**Habitat Stewardship:** This more advanced habitat workshop introduces the concept of “stewardship,” providing an in-depth look at the necessary components of habitat and the roles we play in keeping it healthy. Students examine their personal choices and their impacts on the environment.

### ALL grades

**Worm Bins-Food Composting:** The presenter brings red wiggler worms to your classroom. You need only to supply the container and bedding (newspaper and leaves) to start a worm bin. Students learn how composting is a big part of the four Rs and how worm bins cut down on garbage. Everything you need to know about setting up and maintaining your worm bin is explained. (Green Team Workshop—1 hour)

**Litter in Its Place Clean-Up:** This version adds a 15-minute litter pick-up activity. Students use litter pick-up kits, equipped with gloves, to collect litter on their school grounds. They will create a “litter monster” with a garbage bag for collecting the litter. This can become an ongoing service project at the school. (Green Team Workshop—1 hour)

**Hands-On Classroom Reuse Activities:** This hands-on workshop teaches students how using something over again can make a difference in the environment. The class conducts a reuse project, demonstrating how reusing can be both functional and fun. Students may create envelopes, pop-up cards, picture frames, or twig notebook pads. (Green Team Workshop—1 hour)

## Hop on the Habitat express registration

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Should we (circle one) call you? email you?

Contact Phone and Best Time to Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Available days are listed to the right.  
Please list your top three dates.

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a.m. or p.m.? \_\_\_\_\_
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a.m. or p.m.? \_\_\_\_\_

September

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29	30			

October

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6	7	8	9	10

January

19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

February

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9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27

NOTE: Schools with over 350 students should plan on two shows: one primary and one intermediate, each 40 minutes long. Schools must have 100 students or more to participate.

Please fax or mail this registration

**CALL:** Triangle Associates at (206) 583-0655 to sign your school up for a program in the 2003-2004 school year.

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